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TOWN MEETINGS AND SPECIAL DATES

JAN 1 - New Year's Day

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

**JAN 2 - NEWSLETTER Deadline for
the February issue, NOON**

JAN 7 - COUNCIL WORK SESSION

JAN 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

(Town Office closed; no Bus service)

JAN 28 - COUNCIL MEETING

Town meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the University Park Elementary School. All interested residents are encouraged to attend. Interpreting services can be provided with a request made ten days in advance. **Agenda for the Council Meetings will be posted on the Town's website as well as on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall the Friday before each Meeting.**

FROM THE MAYOR

JOHN ROGARD TABORI

HEARTY THANKS AND A HO HO HO:

Megan Hurley of Clagett Road and many other volunteers from the **University Park Civic Association** are owed a very big thank you for organizing a wonderful holiday program for our Town Tree lighting ceremony and for

arranging for hot chocolate, coffee, and cider to warm us on that beautiful chilly December evening. Special thanks also are given to University of Maryland students **John Prothro** (trumpet) and **Ken Theodos** (trombone) who played a delightful medley of holiday carols, as well as to young **Josh Headley** of Greenbelt who with great skill turned on the tree lights in spite of a stubborn switch. Topping off the evening was a visit from Santa Claus who arrived bearing gifts and being escorted into Town by the **Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department**. Much thanks from UP to the HVFD for guiding Santa to our Town Tree.

CONGRATULATIONS to our UPPWD employees **Donald Edwards** who was named "Public Works Employee of the Year" and **Kerry Hall** who was named "Mechanic of the Year." Our Public Works staff often are the **unsung heroes of our Town!** In an average week, they pick up and safely dispose of **28 tons** of trash and paper, which translates into 2.6 tons for each Public Works employee per week -- and, before the trash can be hauled away, a significant proportion must be hand loaded into our trucks. Surprisingly, that 28 tons does not include yard waste, special pick ups, or leaves. However, our Public Works personnel do pick up yard waste weekly and leaves in the fall; they plow and salt our streets during snow storms; and they also maintain our Town Park as well as a lot of other public property and equipment. **So... here's a special "tip of the hat" to these remarkable individuals.** (I also want to say thanks to all the thoughtful Town residents who took the time to stop by the Town Hall

with a contribution to the annual UPPWD Holiday Fund and UPPD Benevolent Fund.)

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GYPSY MOTHS: A number of residents have approached the Town Hall expressing concerns about the possibility of another gypsy moth outbreak this spring. With some assistance from State Senator Pinsky's office, we were able to make contact with the State Gypsy Moth Suppression Program. Our Town already has been assessed, as have College Heights Estates (CHE), College Park (CP), and parts of Riverdale Park (RP) and Hyattsville (HY). Now we are awaiting the final report and action recommendations. Also, we currently are in discussions with CHE, CP, and RP about a joint aerial spraying program. Our proposed plans will be posted on the Town website when they are available; they also will be publicized in the NEWSLETTER and by flier. A public forum will be held in February to discuss the plans. **It is imperative that we stave off another gypsy moth outbreak** the size and intensity of the one last spring. Ignoring this threat could cause us to lose a significant percentage of our tree canopy as well as incur the attendant costs of removal and replanting. Plus, incurring a large loss of shade trees also would lead to a degradation of the Town's ecology and contribute to increased home energy costs.

A number of **OTHER POLICY ISSUES** also will make their way to the fore in 2008. The three most important are: (1) public transit along the Route 1/East-West Highway corridors in our vicinity, (2) the impact of dropping home values on the Town budget, and (3) major property developments around

University Park (Cafritz, East Campus, Landy, EYA, and the University Town Center to name a few).

In the broadest sense, (1) public transit includes both public bus and rail, as well as roads. Plans for enhanced bus service along Route 1 must be accompanied by upgrades to the road itself or the buses may add to traffic congestion rather than relieve it. **One of the most important potential solutions to traffic congestion is the Purple Line**, which would carry traffic out of the corridors and connect passengers to heavy rail systems that do not travel on public roadways (the subway and commuter trains). However, the Purple Line will not be built unless it receives significant public support. A good deal of misinformation has been spread about the Purple Line. If you are curious about it, please inform yourself by attending public meetings on the subject; then, you can determine whether or not you believe the project should go forward. **If there is interest, we can arrange for the Purple Line designers to make a public presentation at a Council Meeting.**

The (2) downward drift of real estate prices, both around the USA and locally, has the potential to significantly reduce the property taxes that fund our Town budget. To prepare for this eventuality, the Town Treasurer and I are preparing a mid-year budget report in which we will assess our expenditure patterns of the past, present, and future. That report will be presented to the Town Council at the January 28th Council Meeting and will give us a basis for thinking about next year's budget. The report also will be made available on the Town website. Comments and suggestions always are welcome. The FY 2009 Budget will be submitted to the Town Council at the April 7th Council Meeting for passage in late May. The Council also is researching a number of policies and efficiency measures that could allow us to improve our services while lowering costs or keeping them at current levels.

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FROM THE CHIEF

MICHAEL WYNNYK

"Happy New Year!"

The men and women of the University Park Police Department hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As a new year is upon us, we want to encourage each of you to stay safe in your daily routine by using good common sense to provide a secure environment for yourself, your family, and your community.

PLEASE CONSIDER THESE POST-HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS:

- ♦ When returning gifts, park in well-lighted and populated areas, or shop during the day with others.
- ♦ Don't advertise the new items in your home by leaving their empty boxes on the curb for trash collection. Reuse the boxes, if possible, or flatten and place them inside your blue mixed-paper bin for recycling.
- ♦ Always **LOCK** your new "outdoor" gifts (bicycles, wagons, chain saws, kayaks, etc.) inside your garage or shed. Always LOCK your garage or shed regardless of whether or not it holds any new gifts.
- ♦ Always **LOCK** your (new?) car doors as well as use a secondary security device.
- ♦ Never leave valuables (like cell phones, laptops, CD players, GPS units, purses, wallets, coins, jewelry, etc.) in plain view inside your vehicle. Always keep your vehicle **LOCKED**, even while you're in it.
- ♦ Document and save the serial numbers of all valuables, as well as your new purchases. Just etch a serial number on any item that doesn't have one; you might use your driver's license number or a birth date, but never your Social Security number.
- ♦ Check your credit card statements very carefully to be sure the purchases match your bills. Statements may seem more confusing if returns are deducted from your account, so re-check them thoroughly.

♦ And as always, Be Aware of what is happening in your surroundings whether you are at home, work, school, or traveling.

A LESSON LEARNED: On one of those unseasonably nice days in early December, I was invited to take a long bicycle ride from University Park to Montgomery County, into DC, and back to UP. We rode a total of 50 miles at a relaxing pace. The weather was great, the route we took was enjoyable, the company was a pleasure, lunch was refreshing, and the exercise was very invigorating. But, somewhere around the 48th mile, we began to feel fatigued. Although excited that we actually were going to achieve our 50-mile goal, conversation and inattentiveness caused us to bump into each other, resulting in a fall. It was unexpected and happened very quickly.

The first response is always "are you okay?" and the second is "anything broken?"; fortunately, the answer to the first was "yes" and to the second was "no." But a further assessment revealed that a helmet had broken from impact with the ground. Thankfully, we had worn helmets and gloves and had used the necessary safety gear. But, we realized that **the real lesson here was how quickly an accident can happen**. Bicycles are common holiday gifts, whether for yourself or for your children. Always include a new helmet as part of that gift... and remember to wear it.

NEW UPPD OFFICER: The University Park Police Department welcomes our new officer candidate, **Officer Antonio John Barreto**. Officer Barreto was born in Santiuice, Puerto Rico; he now lives in Hyattsville. He has served in the US Army, worked for the federal government at the Walter Reed Medical Center, also worked for the Pentagon Police, and most recently worked for the Town of Bladensburg. He is a certified Maryland Law Enforcement Officer having received his certificate from the Prince George's Municipal Police Academy in 2002. Officer Barreto joins our agency as a seasoned police officer with a desire to provide service to the Town of University Park.

THE UPPD E-LIST: This e-mail service gives residents crime alerts for incidents soon after they happen. To be added to the E-List, please provide the UPPD with your name, address, edress, and a contact phone number. After doing so (by mail, e-mail, or telephone), you will be added to the UPPD E-List.

REGISTRY OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS: There are registered sexual offenders in our zip code. The State of Maryland has a free sexual offender notification service for any resident; call 1-866-559-8017 to be put on the call list or go online at the following website: <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/online/servs/sor/>.

UPPD, 6724 Baltimore Ave., UP, 20782 (301-277-0050 or cell: 240-375-1077) P.G. County Dispatch: (301-333-4000) & ask for a UP officer to respond. For Chief Mike Wynnyk, contact upchief@upmd.org or 301-277-0051. For Emergencies, dial 911.

The following crimes occurred in November:

CRIME STATISTICS (Nov. 1st to Nov. 30th)

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK/STREET
8/16-11/11	Theft 1	4400 E-W Hwy
Nov 7-8	Theft 2	6800 Pineway
Nov15th	Citizen Robbery	6400 Balt Ave
Nov16-17	Stolen Auto	4200 E-W Hwy

Theft 1 - At 2 PM on August 16th, the victim advised that a suspect, known only as Moses, stole cash from her room. Victim said she did not report the prior theft due to fear that the suspect may have been involved in an unknown gang. The theft was reported on November 11th. No suspect/s were located.

Theft 2 - Between 9 PM and 6:20 AM, suspect/s broke the passenger side window of a 2004 Cadillac SRX and stole a Garmin GPS unit **from the dashboard** of the vehicle. No suspect/s were located.

Citizen Robbery- At 1 AM, the victim, an adult male, was walking south on Baltimore Avenue from UM toward Riverdale Park. Near

the UPCB parking lot, two juvenile males approached the victim, produced a handgun, and robbed him of his wallet and backpack. The suspects fled in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured. The suspects have been identified and a warrant issued.

Stolen Auto - Between 9:30 PM and 8:00 AM, suspect/s stole a 2001 Toyota Rav-4 from the driveway of the residence. The vehicle was recovered later. No suspect/s have been located.

Anyone with information concerning these or any crimes committed in University Park should contact the UPPD immediately; all information will be kept strictly confidential. PLEASE: Remember to keep all your serial numbers, and to ID all your valuable property.



TOWN HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

Both Tuesday, **January 1st** (New Year's Day) and Monday, **January 21st** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) are legal Town holidays. The **Town Office will be closed** and the **Town Shuttle Bus will not be in service.**

The **holiday trash pick-up schedule** is as follows: for Tuesday, **January 1st**, there will be no trash collection. For Monday, **January 21st**: Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday; Thursday's and Friday's trash collections will remain unchanged.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Christmas trees (and other *natural* holiday wreathing, garlands, and decorations) as well as leaves, brush, and grass clippings **can be recycled.** Simply place these items by the curb on yard waste recycling day (any Wednesday). Please note: **trees and wreaths must be free of tinsel and other decorations.**

The greenery is shredded into mulch (instead of being land filled) thereby creating a reusable by-product as well as saving tipping fees and landfill space.

Holiday wrapping paper, gift boxes, greeting cards, and envelopes also can be recycled by placing them in your blue bin with the usual mixed-paper recycling. Recycled mixed paper is used to make fiberboard items (such as shoe boxes and pizza boxes).

Or, instead of recycling them, **reduce** the amount of holiday wrappings and boxes you discard **by reusing the boxes and the larger pieces of wrapping paper**. Craft new decorations and gift tags from the fronts of your holiday cards and save them to use on next year's gifts.



UP BUS SERVICE & METRO SHUTTLE

REMINDER: On the upcoming Town holidays, New Year's Day (**January 1st**) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (**January 21st**), there will be no **UP Metro shuttle or senior bus service**.

Free door-to-door wheelchair-accessible bus service is available for Town senior citizens and handicapped residents who would like transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping, banking, library visits, club meetings, or to visit a neighbor across Town may reserve pick-up times on week days between 10 AM and 2 PM. Small Town groups also may use the bus for occasional excursions. **NOTE:** Please try to make bus reservations one week in advance so the driver's schedule may be arranged accordingly. Remember, destinations should be within 5 miles of University Park. **NEW:** See "Items to Note" for details about the weekly shopping excursions to a local grocery store.

A **UP Metro shuttle service** runs on the half hour each weekday morning and afternoon from numerous stops in Town to

and from the PG Plaza Metro Station. There are **seven morning runs from 6-9 AM & eight afternoon runs from 4:05-7:35 PM**. A map with the stops is available at the Town Hall.



❖ When there is a chance of snow, **please use your driveway or garage to park your vehicles**. Having fewer vehicles parked on our streets enables our Town Public Works crew to clear the streets of ice and snow more effectively and quickly.

❖ Residents are requested to **keep** their **sidewalks and front walks free of snow and ice**. This thoughtful way to show consideration, and possibly prevent injury, benefits one's neighbors, mail carriers, public service employees, seniors, and really, everyone! Most jurisdictions ask that sidewalks be cleared **within 24 hours** after a snowfall.



ITEMS TO NOTE

➤ ❖ **NEW SERVICE:** The Town Bus now is making **weekly trips to the Shoppers Food Warehouse** (on Cherry Hill Road in College Park) on Tuesdays at 10 AM. Any senior or handicapped resident interested in this **free door-to-door service** may get on the list by notifying the Town Hall (301-927-4262) by Monday, the day before you wish to go. Currently, our AM bus driver Harry Horton is not able to carry groceries as he still is in the extended recovery phase from his operation. Therefore, residents needing this type of help will need to make their own arrangements.

However... the Town is wondering if there might be **a resident willing to help** load folks' groceries onto the bus and carry the groceries into folks' homes in return for

getting a free door-to-door ride to shop at SFW. Interested? Please call Town Hall now.

❖ **START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT:**

Get your blue and white "UP" car stickers FREE at the Town Hall. All Town residents are asked to display one of these "UP" stickers on the driver's side of either their car's back bumper or low on the back window. These stickers are important to our Neighborhood Watch program. **They enable our Town police officers and other residents to be able to recognize a UP vehicle immediately.** Town Hall hours are M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM.

❖ **YARD WASTE:** Wednesday is the

day designated for all yard waste collection in UP. Since **yard waste is composted** rather than taken to the landfill, it is important to **keep it free of trash, rocks, and other debris** that might damage the machinery. To keep our Town looking beautiful, only put out yard waste on the day before collection.

❖ **BULK TRASH:** Please call the Town

Hall to arrange for a pick-up time and day. Please wait to place the items at the curb until your designated day. **NOTE:** A \$20 fee is assessed on each item that contains Freon (i.e. freezers, air conditioners, refrigerators).

❖ **BLUE BINS** (Thursday or Friday):

Blue bins are for newspaper and mixed paper recycling. Put **telephone books, magazines, paper boxes, envelopes, cardboard AND NEWSPAPERS** in this bin and place it at the curb on your Thursday (or Friday) mixed-paper recycling day. **NOTE:** Waxed paper, Styro-foam and any paper food containers contaminated with food particles are not acceptable. Please place the bin at the curb before 7 AM.

❖ **YELLOW BINS** (Thursday): Yellow

bins are for all non-paper recyclables. Put **glass, metal & aluminum cans, and plastic containers #1 and #2** in this bin and place it at the curb on the Town-wide Thursday recycling day. Please place bin at the curb before 7 AM.

❖ **TRASH TOTERS & RECYCLING**

BINS: Remember not to put out these items **earlier than the day before** your scheduled pick-up time. Likewise, it is the responsibility of each resident to **return these items from the curb on the same day** following your pick-up time. **NOTE:** If stored outside, **toters and bins must be placed out of view from the street** at the side or back of one's home.



WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

If you received a new computer, MP3 player, cell phone, or another electronic item during the holidays, you may be wondering where you can safely dispose of your outdated items. The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources now offers three collection days for **electronics and household hazardous waste** at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill (11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro). Residents may take these items to the site on **Thursdays and Fridays** from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM and on **Sundays** from 7:30 AM to 4 PM. If you have questions, please call 301-883-5045.



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5th
COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Fischer, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; and Sgt. McCully.

Re the temporary speed tables: Mayor Tabori discussed the three tables being installed on Tuckerman, the four on Sheridan, and two others for locations still under consideration. He noted that during the installation on Sheridan, a small vehicle drove past him and the Public Works staff, and made a prohibited left turn onto Route 1. He is considering replacing the current signage with

something more visible. As to installing the tables, the Mayor said it takes about 4 (experienced) hours to measure and place the individual sections very precisely so that water and gas lines are avoided. The larger tables have 48 pieces and, although re-moveable, were not created to be moved frequently. They have about a 10-year life.

Re the October 24th Purple Line meeting attended by the Mayor and CM Lucas: Most attendees were from the UM which objects to the Line running along Campus Drive. A second challenge to the Line will be getting it across the railroad tracks.

Re the UP website, www.upmd.org: The site will be moved to a new hosting company in 2008. CM Winton mentioned a Town listserve that had been started to share information in Town. CM Mallino voiced pros and cons to such a service -- the Google site has gatekeepers to ensure the site only is used by UP residents.

Sgt. Wayne McCully spoke for Chief Wynnyk who was on vacation. He said there had been 121 enforcement actions and 3 warnings during October. The 8 traffic accidents that occurred happened on perimeter roads bordering UP. Details of the accident on Route 1 involving a car and a PG County police cruiser were caught on the red light camera. Sgt. McCully noted that Halloween night was orderly and pleasant. He reported that CP and Hollywood were experiencing a rash of auto thefts. He had no further information in response to a query as to who was soliciting for food distributions in Town. **Residents are reminded that ALL vendors require both a Town and County license to solicit door-to-door in University Park.**

A Consent Agenda was approved unanimously for applications to **replace a driveway** at both 6807 Pineway and 4402 Sheridan Street.

Re the UP dog park discussion: CMs were asked to contact Attorney Ferguson with

any questions prior to the November 19th Council Meeting. Mayor Tabori asked Mr. Joel Floyd for any preliminary information the dog park association had about designs, materials, etc. CM Winton noted that her intent was to facilitate discussion with the Council since the proposed site lies in (her) Ward 6; she said she does not own a dog.

Two building permits were approved unanimously to: (1) **widen and top off with additional gravel a proposed 38'x12' driveway at 4443 Wells Parkway** and (2) **reinforce a brick front porch and steps, replacing a side concrete stoop and front and side concrete sidewalks at 4215 Sheridan Street** (*A County permit must be provided and the Town Engineer must approve the plans before the work may begin*).

A motion was passed unanimously to **surplus miscellaneous Town Office furniture, equipment, and file cabinets.** (*Mayor Tabori explained that this addressed furniture in two Town Hall rooms that are under renovation. CM Winton said the organization Teen Challenge removes office furniture at no charge.*)

CM Lucas reported that 80 people attended the UP Flu Clinic. The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.



HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER 19th COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members (CMs) Carpenter, Dudinsky, Lucas, Mallino, McPherson, and Winton; Treasurer Baden, Chief Wynnyk, and Attorney Ferguson.

Mr. John Lindsay of Lindsay and Associates informed the Council that the yearly audit report for 2007, ending June 30th, was complete and the audit and financial report had been filed with the State on or before November 1st. The Town

received an unqualified opinion in the audit report. No material weaknesses were noted in internal controls and no adjustments were required as a result of the audit.

Re the proposed Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) work: Mayor Tabori reported that Engineer Sidhu had created a map that described the areas to be affected by WSSC work. About 30% of our Town streets have work planned for them, including Sheridan Street, Tuckerman Street, 44th Avenue, Clagett Road, Forest Hill Drive, Underwood Street from Beechwood Road to 44th Avenue, a short length of Van Buren Street, Pineway, and Oakridge Road. The WSSC work will push back previously planned Town street work. CM Mallino noted that Longfellow Street in Hyattsville was an example of what our streets may look like after the WSSC work has been completed.

The temporary speed tables will be moved for the WSSC work when necessary. Mayor Tabori asked Mr. Jim Cook to conduct an analysis of traffic volume and speed now (early November) and again in January when school is back in session.

Mayor Tabori commended CMs Lucas and Mallino and Chief Wynnyk for their efforts on behalf of establishing a Stream Water Sampling Program at DeMatha High School.

Under public comment, seven residents from Tuckerman Street had **comments about the recently installed speed tables:**

The first resident protested having the temporary speed table placed in front of her property. She raised concerns about its visual appearance and the noise from cars traveling over it, which was audible in her home through closed windows. She had expected to receive a letter from the Town alerting her of the change. She also was concerned about the resale value of her home and had received a letter to that effect from a realtor. On the other hand, she praised the signage that had been installed as having had a positive effect

in reducing traffic problems. She also presented a letter to the Council from another Tuckerman resident.

A second resident had concerns about the lack of discussion on where the temporary speed tables would be placed and said he viewed the neon signs as visually intrusive. He added that the table installation needed to be checked; the sections were so loose that he could make them move just by standing on them, which may be contributing to the noise.

A third resident asked what process had been followed to determine where the tables would be placed. *{Placement was carefully chosen by Mayor Tabori, Engineer Sidhu, and Mr. Cook to best achieve reduced speed and traffic volume. By necessity, the obvious first priority was technical -- avoiding WSSC lines and the like; a reasonable spacing pattern followed.}* That resident also said his corner of UP is located next to one of the worst failing intersections. Esthetically, he favored permanent speed "humps" and felt that tables were not effective for larger vehicles.

The decision for speed tables was in response to strong input from the community; temporary speed tables were selected to allow the Town to be able to determine when optimal placement had been achieved. As to signage, the Mayor said he was investigating whether or not the arrow was necessary, but the State requires a 15 mph speed limit sign.

The fourth resident said part of the attraction of a historic area like UP is its visual appeal. And, although he favored permanent speed bumps, he also wanted a strong police presence near the tables and "STOP" signs in the mornings and evenings. *{In response to another comment, Mayor Tabori noted that all fines from moving-violation tickets written by the UPPD are turned over to the State in accordance with State law; the Town does not retain any of these monies:}*

The fifth resident said he had attended the meeting to support his neighbors and,

although he did not oppose traffic-calming measures, he found the temporary speed tables to be visually unappealing.

The sixth resident recommended more speed limit signs be installed and said she did not see many around the whole neighborhood. The seventh resident asked for police presence at the "STOP" sign in the early morning.

A Sheridan Street resident spoke on the necessity of a traffic management solution, recapped the history of this type of effort at the 44th/Sheridan intersection, and repeated info from previous studies. He recommended restricting evening traffic entry from Route 1. Since he personally had measured speeds of 40 mph by the second driveway on Sheridan from Route 1, he also recommended that a second speed "hump" be placed on the east side. He added that it would be against his own interests as a UP homeowner to advocate something that would reduce property values. He then quoted research showing that traffic speed and volume also damaged home value.

Mayor Tabori commented (to all the residents who spoke) that **the temporary speed tables were purchased to use for 4-6 months as a way of ascertaining the best placement for permanent tables.** Unknown at the time of purchase was that WSSC work would tear up the very streets where the permanent tables were to be installed. His concern with removing the Tuckerman table in question is that traffic will divert to that location, causing even greater traffic volume. A better alternative might be to install a speed cushion, relocated slightly out of the direct visual line of sight, in place of the speed table; the cushion is physically less obtrusive than the table. (Also, if that table on Tuckerman is removed, the police cannot be redeployed to compensate for the effects of the table's removal. Chief Wynnyk noted that his priority in the mornings was to enforce the area around the elementary school. He then spoke to the complexities of balancing UPPD resources to support the wide range of community needs.)

Mayor Tabori asked the residents on Tuckerman, between Route 1 and 44th Avenue, to meet together and discuss possible solutions, then bring forward a recommendation for the Council to consider. The Sheridan Street resident was concerned that overall safety might be compromised by petitioning for speedy table removal. **The Mayor said ultimately his decision would be based on public safety.**

As to signage that would prevent any turns into UP from Route 1, the Mayor said that residents there need a way into UP when returning home in the evening. As to US Postal trucks speeding along Sheridan and Tuckerman toward the Post Office depot, he said he would have Town Hall staff follow up on this with the Post Office.

Chief Wynnyk reported that two UP officers had resigned, the first vacancies in five years. Although one vacancy was half way through the hiring process, the Chief planned to attend the PGC Police Academy open house as an additional means for recruiting replacements. The Chief also said that he had spoken with Major Davis of the Hyattsville Police Department (HPD) who had arrested two juvenile suspects implicated in the rash of burglaries in UP on October 30th.

Re the Dog Park discussion: Preliminary research for creating and maintaining a UP dog park (possibly to be called "University Bark") was completed and presented by representatives of the dog park association. The plan featured a fenced area containing benches, trash cans, dog play equipment, water fountains for dogs and people, and a bioswale to manage water on the site. The group said **the dog park would need about the same amount of work and budget as the soccer field, in the range of \$85,000** depending on the size and extent of the site.

Besides the site on Adelphi Road across from the PGP Recreation Center, three other sites were examined: one next to the Town Hall (but very narrow and with a steep slope),

another behind RPC, and a third by the horseshoe pits across from the school (neither of which have a buffer from neighbors or a proper drainage area). The group estimated that a fourth of UP residents have pets, the majority being dogs. *Council noted that the dog park design was lovely but would have a profound effect on the Town Budget. The Mayor said the proposal would fit in with a Parks Improvement grant, which could be for up to \$100,000 with matching funds from the Town. Treasurer Baden said the next cycle for applying for the funds would be FY 2010. It was questioned whether the property legally could be used for a dog park. Attorney Ferguson will review the applicable zoning.*

A motion was passed unanimously to approve a 200 special holiday compensation of \$300 net of deductions for each current active employee, as of December 1st. Treasurer Baden said there were 22 active employees plus two bus drivers. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



CONGRATULATIONS

❖ To Reverend Cecil H. Cook, the new senior pastor of University Christian Church (6800 Adelphi Road). After having been served by an intentional interim minister and two associate pastors for nearly two years, the Church now is pleased to announce that Reverend Cook will begin his ministry on February 1, 2008; he and his wife **Robin Cook** are coming to UCC from Wabash, Indiana. No news yet where the Cooks will reside, but University Park welcomes them to the neighborhood.



A NEW YEAR FOR UP CERT

As the new year begins, we should remind ourselves of the need to be prepared for any emergencies that arise in and around

our community. We must remember that snow, ice, and sleet come with winter and, during such extreme conditions, we usually have to deal with: loss of heat • downed power lines • downed trees • difficulty getting out for supplies • or to the bank for cash • or even to the store for food. **During the last ten years, every one of the above have occurred in our area** and have impacted directly on University Park. So heed the reminder: **"Be Ready - Be Prepared."**

The attitude of the **UP Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is that: *"You can expect no help during any emergency so you must be prepared to fend for yourself."* Actually, this just is good-sense planning. Everyone has the responsibility to provide for self and family. The option of not being prepared, or of becoming a burden and having others share their provisions with you, does seem a wee bit selfish. There always is an element of risk in assuming that someone else will have enough for you; it's much better and safer to provide for yourself.

A List of Items To Remember: Water • Food • Warmth • Communication • Medicine • Cash • Phone Tree • Escape Plan • A prepared Grab-Bag with supplies sufficient for 24 hours • Enough supplies stored in your home for 72 hours • Being prepared to "shelter in place" • A non-electric radio to hear emergency broadcasts (or channel 7 on a FRS radio, that's like an improved walkie-talkie). Remember to just keep thinking: **"In the short run, there may be no one who can help me; I must be prepared!"**

The UP CERT would like to double their numbers. **Residents who might be interested in joining UP's CERT (and strengthening their own and their family's first-response security) should call Tom Stickles (301-864-0533).** For more information and details about this very interesting training course, please call the Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management (301-583-1899). NOTE: A free 6-week CERT training course will be given at the Berwyn Heights Senior Center. An informational meeting and sign up time will be held on Tuesday, March 13th from 7-9 PM.



PG LACROSSE

Registration is continuing for the 2008 season of the **Prince George's Lacrosse Club**. PG Lacrosse offers instructional-level play in a competitive league for boys ages 7-14. The Club will rent equipment and, weather permitting, will hold free introductory clinics this month and in February. Registration forms, clinic dates, and other information is available at www.pglacrosse.com. Find out now about this exciting and growing sport!



SOARING INTO JANUARY

The College Park Aviation Museum (1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, CP, 301-864-6029) is offering a science program for kids and a badge program for Scouts! Museum hours are daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Museum (301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765 or www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com). NOTE: CPAM will be closed New Year's Day.

◆ On Saturday, **January 5th** at 11 AM and 1 PM, CPAM will host **Mad Science** of Washington. Mad Science programs spark the imagination of children everywhere with exciting interactive activities that instill an understanding of science and how it affects the world around us. The CPAM program "**Up, Up, and Away!**" will cover aviation experiments with air pressure, vacuums, tornados, and Mad Science hovercrafts. Register through SMARTlink at www.pgparcs.com, or call 301-583-BOOK; there is a \$5 fee.

◆ On Saturday, **January 20th** from 12 NOON to 4 PM, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of all levels are invited to explore the history of aviation and the science of flight with a variety of fun and educational activities that will fulfill badge requirements. The \$4 fee for

"**Scout Wings**" includes Museum admission; pre-registration is required. NOTE: This program will be repeated on March 15th.



JANUARY AT RIVERSDALE

Guided tours of the early-Federal **Riversdale House Museum** (4811 Riverdale Road, RP) are available on a walk-in basis on Fridays and Sundays from NOON to 4 PM; group tours are available by appointment. (No charge for ages 4 and under; discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more.) Open-hearth cooking demonstrations are held each Sunday. For more information on any of the monthly events or to make a reservation, please call 301-864-0420/TTY 301-699-2544.

◆ Riversdale's poignant new exhibit "**Out of the Shadows: Servants in the Spotlight**" will continue through **March 16th** during normal Museum hours. The exhibit focuses on the lives of Riversdale's free and enslaved servants as they care for Rosalie Stier Calvert and her husband George. Throughout the mansion, vignettes spotlight the duties and activities of the servants as they are juxtaposed against the activities of the Calverts and their guests during the festive winter months.

◆ On **January 5th** from 7:30-10 PM, the exceptionally popular yearly "**Twelfth Night Ball**" will be held at the Riversdale House Museum. (**CHECK NOW to see if space still is available.**) With guests dressed in their finest Regency wear (or black tie), the mansion will be filled with live music, period-inspired light refreshments and, in keeping with Twelfth Night tradition, a king and queen, chosen to lead the late-18th and early-19th century dances. (Instruction is offered from 7:30 to 8:00 PM for those who are unfamiliar with the dances, so no experience is necessary!) For ticket information and reservations, please call 301-864-0420. Capacity is limited at the mansion and advance registration is a must.

◆ A special program, **Hands-On History: Teen Immersion Overnight**, will be held from Friday to Saturday, **January 25th to 26th** beginning at 5:30 PM. Girls ages 13-19 will experience life in early Federal America that will include cooking, crafts, and many other period activities during the 24 hours they will "live" in the historic house. There is a fee of \$75 for PG County residents; \$90 for non-residents; advance registration required.



SING IN THE NEW YEAR

Before they can attend music class at school, children from birth to 5 years can enjoy organized music together at two programs available locally. Both run weekly classes for children AND their parents (mom, dad, both, or a care giver) and both offer materials packages that include CDs, activity books, and simple instruments for continuing the musical fun at home during the week.

Jaime Fuller's 10-week winter semester of **Let's Do Music Together** will focus on the "Sticks collection" program. Her three classes begin on Thursday, January 3rd and Friday, January 4th at Joe's Movement Emporium in Mt. Rainier, and on Sunday, January 6th at the Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance in Beltsville. For questions, please contact 240-638-2341 or info@letsdomusictogether.com; or visit <http://www.letsdomusictogether.com> for more information.

Kindermusik's 12-week semester of fun and musical exploration begins on Thursday, February 7th. Join Queens Chapel Road resident **Roberta Kisker** as she leads a transportation-themed program ("Away We Go!") that focuses on the coming and going of buses, trains, planes, and cars. Two classes will be held in the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville at 10 AM and 5:15 PM. Kindermusik is part of the Church's Shalom School for the Arts, an after-school program serving children from local schools.



ENTERTAINMENT AROUND TOWN

◆ **The UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (CSPAC)** offers a wide range of free and ticketed world-class performances. For more information, reservations, or a catalog of the 2007-2008 season, please contact www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or 301-405-2787. **Note:** The stage is dark during January.

◆ **The Publick Playhouse** in Cheverly (5445 Landover Road, 301-277-1710/TTY 301-277-0312) is offering the kids' movie +, a seniors' movie, and a play for kids; \$5/\$6.

◆ The **"Saturday Morning at the Movies +"** series for ages 7-12, recalls the charm of yesteryear's weekly movie matinees. The fun includes peer-group comradery during a half hour of vaudeville-style live entertainment followed by a feature-length family movie. On **January 12th** at 11 AM, the live entertainment will be the **Boogie Woogie Bow Wows**, a fast-paced doggy-dancing act with a dachshund and a poodle. The feature movie will be the snowy animated film **"Happy Feet,"** where Emperor penguins find their soul mates through song, except for one penguin who can't sing -- but makes up for it with wild tap dancing! February 9th is the next Movie +.

◆ On Monday, **January 14th** at 11 AM, the **Platinum Movie for Seniors** will be **"Because I Said So."** Diane Keaton plays a meddling-prone mom of three daughters. When one daughter finally sets up mom with Mr. Right, mom has to face up to the fact that perhaps her meddling has kept her from dealing with her own life.

◆ On Friday, **January 18th** at 10:15 AM & 12 NOON, grades Pre-K to 3rd can enjoy **"A Kids Life!"** Large costumed characters sing and dance through an upbeat, feel-good play about the environment and the friendship of 5-year-old friends and their dog.

❖ **University Christian Church** (301-864-1520, 6800 Adelphi Road) offers FREE family-oriented quality movies each month conveniently close to home. Light snacks are provided at 6:30 PM; the movie begins at 7 PM. **"The Pursuit of Happyness,"** a 2006 Academy Award nominee film, will be shown on **January 12th**. The drama is based on the true story of Chris Gardner (Will Smith), who secured an internship with a stock brokerage firm while he was homeless. Gardner's son is played by Smith's real-life son Jaden. The movie title, a play on Jefferson's phrase in the Declaration of Independence, is misspelled in deference to a misspelling on a mural that decorates his son's day care building. UCC's next movie will be shown on February 23rd.

❖ **The Robert E. Parilla** (Montgomery College) **Performing Arts Center (MCPAC)** continues its 2007-08 season with a performance from its Saturday Morning Children's Series. For more information or tickets, please call 301-279-5301, M-F, 10 AM-6 PM.

◆ In a special project with the White House Historical Association, the Kennedy Center is imagining stories about the children of our nation's Presidents. The first story, **"Teddy Roosevelt and the Treasure of Ursa Major,"** will be presented at 11 AM on Saturday, **January 5th**. The inspiration for this exciting new musical was Theodore Roosevelt and his family: *In the summer of 1904, young Kermit, Ethel, and Archie Roosevelt stumble upon a real-life treasure map hidden in a copy of "Treasure Island." They decide to work as a team to follow the clues and solve a mystery that leads them throughout the White House.* This clever comical production features songs by "the funniest man on television," Washington satirist Mark Russell.



SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, April 19th
For the 7th ANNUAL AZALEA CLASSIC
Registrations now being accepted at:
www.Azaleaclassic.com



UPWC: WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

The next meeting of the **University Park Woman's Club** will be held at NOON on **Monday, January 7th** in Custis Hall at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. The highlight of January's fun-for-all program/fund raiser will be the auctioning of everyone's best White Elephant/s. All attendees are encouraged to bring what might seem to be an "unnecessary, tacky, dated, totally-clashes-with-my-decor" kind of White Elephant to them, BUT, what may turn out to be a "beautiful, heirloom, out-of-print, I've-been-searching-Ebay-for-that-very-thing" kind of White Elephant treasure to someone else. Place your White Elephant/s on the auction table when you arrive so everyone will have a chance to scope out the goodies. **All proceeds from the auction will help to support local charities.** Residents who are interested in attending a UPWC meeting or who would like more information, should call the Club president, Michelle Stawinski (240-304-6487).



JANUARY FUN AT CPAE

All **College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE)** events are free and held at the College Park Old Parish House (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue) unless otherwise noted. For more information, to register, or to remit fees for special activities, please contact 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org; or for even more information, visit www.cpae.org.

❖ The town of Greenbelt's a capella group, **The Chromatics**, will present a concert of original songs that offer "melodic insights into modern life with a smattering of science." They'll also jazz up covers in their own unique way. Come hear this free concert on Friday, **January 11th** at 7:30 PM; it's sure to be a hit!

❖ The **College Park Youth Choir** invites you to their free Winter Community Concert on Tuesday, **January 22nd** at 7:30 PM. It will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church (6301 Greenbelt Road). **Mr. Christopher Fominaya**, the music teacher at University Park Elementary School, leads this amazing young choir with enthusiasm and skill. Your heart will soar to hear this 40+ voice choir of children ages 6 and older; a reception will follow.

❖ **Learn the Basics of Latin Dance** in three weeks, beginning on **January 26th** from 3:30-5 PM. Back by popular demand, University of Maryland ballroom instructors will teach adults and teens a new dance basic each Saturday through February 9th. There is no need for either a partner or previous experience, but bringing a friend might double your fun! Sign up now and learn some new moves in time for Valentine's Day! To reserve a spot, pre-register and pre-pay by **January 20th**. Send a check for \$15 per person to CPAE (PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740).

❖ At the **Kids' Arts Drop-in** on Sunday, **January 27th** from 2-4 PM, instructor Aaron Springer will lead children ages 3 to 8 in an imaginative and creative free-form arts afternoon enjoyable for both children and parents. Please save and bring all your extra holiday wrappings to help make a full-size Asian Dragon to carry in local parades! Ribbons and shiny paper of all colors, especially metallics, will help make the dragon shine. To be a part of this exciting group project, children must be accompanied by an adult.



YEAR-ROUND FARMERS MARKET

You can eat locally year round by shopping at the **Takoma Park Farmers Market** (6900 block of Laurel Avenue). For their 28th year, this **producers-only market** offers **produce grown locally** within a 125-miles radius. It is open every **Sunday** from **10 AM to 2 PM**. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.org/.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

*"Reading is to the mind
what exercise is to the body."*

Sir Richard Steele

❖ The **Hyattsville Branch Library** (301-985-4690) offers monthly morning and evening discussion groups and bi-monthly chess club meetings.

♦ **READERS' CIRCLE**, the 7:30 PM Thursday evening discussion group with a monthly theme, is not meeting in January or February.

♦ The Morning Book Discussion Group that meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM does not meet in December, January, or February. Their meetings will resume in March 2008.

♦ For all ages and levels, the Chess Club **WILL** meet at 7 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (**January 10th & 24th**) with instructor Ted Fagan.

❖ The **After Eight Book Club**, a group open to all University Park adults - men, women and couples - continues their 2007-2008 Club year on **January 15th** at 8:00 PM to discuss their fiction selection, "**Crown of Columbus**" by Louise Erdrich and Michael Dorris. Please call Linda Keenan (301-434-7925) to attend. Their February 19th selection will be *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield.



❖ The **College Park Arts Exchange Book Club** (info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013) will meet from 7:30 to 9 PM to discuss "non-fiction by women authors" at the Old Parish House (corner of Knox and Dartmouth). Their selection for Friday, **January 18th** will be "**Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously**" by Julie Powell. In this fun book, Powell describes her experiences as she cooked her way through Julia Child's book with triumphs and disasters. Please contact CPAE for more information or to save your

place. At their February 15th meeting, the group will discuss *Brother, I'm Dying* by Edwidge Danticat.



WINTER POT LUCK

All residents are invited to join the University Park winter social gathering of gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered families (including children) and their straight friends and neighbors for a pot luck lunch from 1-4 PM on Sunday, **January 13th**. Please bring a dish to share. For location and directions, contact rainbowpotluckUP@aol.com or 301-537-9920.



UPHPA: A TRIP BACK TO 1957

At the **January 15th** meeting of the **UP Historic Preservation Association**, an engaging documentary film, "**Maryland's Queen for a Day**," will be shown at 7:30 PM. Travel back in time to October 19, 1957 when Queen Elizabeth II came to the University of Maryland and saw the Terps total the Tarheels in a never-to-be-forgotten clash of football titans. All UM faculty, staff, students, and alumni especially will revel in this film commemorating the 50th anniversary of "The Queen's Game." It includes clips from the game, footage of the Queen and many Maryland dignitaries, plus recent interviews with the surviving 1957 Terps team members. **Watch closely and you will see the UP homes** that were featured on a tour the Queen took through Town on her way to visit the Queenstown Giant supermarket.

The UPHPA has invited several special guests to the meeting including the film maker, Mike Springirth, and several local citizens who took part in the Queen's activities on that spectacular autumn day. Mr. Springirth produced "Maryland's Queen for a

Day" in conjunction with "Royal Remembrances: Queen's Game 1957," the exhibit previously on display in Hornbake Library. **You might want to invite your interested friends or former residents** who also might enjoy an evening of remembrance and celebration of our local history. Mark your calendars for the third Tuesday in January. The meeting is being held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Custis Hall. Admission, popcorn, and parking are FREE -- and yes, there will be popcorn, with (optional) real butter and salt!



JANUARY IN GREENBELT

On Tuesday, **January 15th** at 7 PM, the Greenbelt Museum will hold a **free viewing of the film "New Towns"** in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. The 1987 film was produced by WETA and "compares and contrasts the changes and developments in Greenbelt, Columbia, MD, and Reston, VA during the last 20 years. Highlights include interviews with pioneering residents of all the communities and with Robert Simon, Reston's founder. Time for discussion will follow. For more information, please contact 301-507-6582 or museum@greenbeltmd.gov.



30th ANNIVERSARY FOR A UP GEM

The **Side Door Coffee House** of Riverdale Presbyterian Church (6513 Queens Chapel Road, 301-927-0477) will begin its 30th year of presenting plays in our neighborhood on Saturday, **January 26th**. Come join in the celebration and enjoy a musical evening of "**Tall Tales and Short Songs**" based on Mark Twain's "Roughing It." **Roberta Kisker** of Queens Chapel Road, **Donald Fink** and **Dillon Fink** of 43rd Avenue, and **Darrell and Julie Parsons** of Tuckerman Street are UP residents who will be

performing. The doors will open at 6 PM; two complete shows are performed at 7:00 PM and 8:30 PM. Admission is free, but all proceeds from the sale of the delicious refreshments and snacks support Help-by-Phone of Prince George's County.

The Side Door Coffee House was the inspiration of **Fredericka Berger** of Sheridan Street whose love of drama and sense of service led her to conceive of the program and direct many (MANY) of the performances. For the first five years, she led the drama portion of the Coffee House, starting with the very first production, "The Rose and Crown" by J.B. Priestley. The fledgling troupe of actors and workers had hoped to have at least thirty people attend, and over a hundred came! Now, after almost 150 shows, attendance at the two (but really four) performances for each show remains just as encouraging. Twenty years ago, an extra performance was given at Ingleside Presbyterian Home and four years ago, another was given at Riderwood.

From the first, Fredericka felt that there should be a strong social service component and that the net profits should go to Help-by-Phone. For that reason, the Coffee House group tries to be very frugal about production costs, something former Sheridan Street resident and Coffee House enthusiast **Lydia Gardener** labeled "zero budget" drama. The delicious desserts and snacks portion of the production would never have gotten off the ground without the help of another former Sheridan Street resident, **Nancy Rubenson**, and now could not be served to customers so efficiently without the continuing help of the **Boy Scouts in Troop 214** who wait on the tables. The outcome, however, of the sale of refreshments now totals over \$35,000 having been donated to Prince George's County Help-By-Phone!

Through her long experience with the Side Door Coffee House, Fredericka became a lecturer in Religion and Drama at Wesley Theological Seminary, and after sixteen years, is now a professor emerita. Assuredly, the

longevity of the Coffee House's success is in great part due to a bevy of loyal volunteers like Fredericka, as well as to the fact that the majority of all the people who work in the Coffee House today (both in drama and in refreshments) also have been serving in those positions for thirty years! What a stirring success the Side Door Coffee House has become -- what an asset to our community, and what a wonderful support for Prince George's County's Help-by-Phone program!



PRE-SCHOOL FAIR

The College Park Preschool Fair will be held on Saturday, **January 26th** from 2-4 PM at the College Park Community Center (5051 Pierce Avenue). Come meet teachers and parents representing a variety of local public and private schools. The Fair is sponsored by College Park's Education Advisory Committee.



NEW YEAR OF UPCA ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday, **January 29th** at 7 PM, the **University Park Civic Association** will hold its new-year planning meeting at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. If you want to help make things happen in the UPCA, the January meeting will be of special interest. Come join the group for refreshments as they plan their annual calendar and budget. Your input is needed and most welcome.

The UPCA's "**Volunteer of the Month**" for January is **Megan Hurley** of Clagett Road. Megan stepped in and agreed to organize the entire Town Tree-Lighting Sing-A-Long. This was a big job for Megan's very first time volunteering with the UPCA, and she managed every detail with expert precision. Many people enjoyed this traditional Town celebration and it was gratifying that a "newcomer" had helped to make it happen.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The University Park Official Town NEWSLETTER loves publishing your family milestones (birth, wedding and obituary notices, graduations and honors, and school, sports and community awards, etc.) and club or publicity notices for events of interest to all University Park residents. Please e-mail your articles to ***upnews@yahoo.com*** or mail them to Flo Harris, 6703 44th Avenue, UP 20782.

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INFORMATION FOR NEW UP RESIDENTS

Contact Jenn Mooney
jtmcondock@aol.com

LOST PET DATABASE

To register your pet, or report a lost or found pet, please call Barbara Wilson (301-779-4139). To ensure that your pets are easily identifiable, always have them wear their tags or a microchip.

The Town of University Park encourages the involvement and participation of individuals with disabilities in all its programs and services. Please let the Town know how it can best meet your needs: (i.e. sign language interpreters, adaptive equipment or other assistance).

Inquire at the Town Hall:
6724 Baltimore Avenue, UP
(301-927-2997/TDD 1-800-735-2258)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>January is...</i>	National Book Month	1 New Year's Day (Town Office closed; no bus service)	2 12:00 NOON Deadline for February NEWSLETTER YARD WASTE RECYCLING	3 YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	4 T-F BLUE BIN	5 CPAM: 11 AM & 1 PM Mad Science "Up & Away" MCPAC 11 AM "TR & Treasure Ursa Major" RHM 7:30-10 PM Twelfth Night Ball
6 Takoma Park Farmers' Market 10 AM - 2 PM (TP*FM)	7 UPWC 12 Noon RPC "White Elephant Auction" 7:30 PM UPES COUNCIL WORK SESSION	8 SFW GROCERY SHOPPING	9 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	10 YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	11 CPAE-OPH 7:30 PM "The Chromatics" T-F BLUE BIN	12 PP KIDS' MOVIE+ "Boogie Woogie Bow Wows" and "Happy Feet" 11 AM UCC FAMILY MOVIE 6:30 PM "Pursuit of Happyness"
13 (TP*FM) UP 1-4 PM Winter Pot Luck	14 PP 11 AM Platinum Movie - Seniors "Because I Said So"	15 UHPA 7:30 PM RPC "MD's Queen for a Day" GCC - 7 PM "New Towns" UPWC 8 PM Middlebrow Book Group "Growing Up" SFW GROCERY SHOPPING	16 YARD WASTE RECYCLING	17 YELLOW BIN; M-Th BLUE BIN	18 PP 10:45 AM & NOON "A Kid's Life" CPAE Book Club 7:30-9 OPH "Julie & Julia..." T-F BLUE BIN	19 HAVE A WINTER FUN FAMILY GAME NIGHT! 1 - Sorry 2 - Phase 10 (cards) 3 - Rummykub 4 - Milles Borne 5 - Boggle
20 (TP*FM) CPAM 12 - 4 PM "Scout Wings" Program	21 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr's Day</i> (Town Office closed; no bus service)	22 CPAE-OPH 7:30 PM Youth Choir Winter Concert SFW GROCERY SHOPPING	23 YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	24 YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN	25 RHM 5:30 PM 25th → 26th Teen "Hands on History" T-F BLUE BIN	26 CPCC 2-4p "Pre-School Fair" Side Door Coffee House RPC 7 & 8:30 PM "Tall Tales & Short Songs" CPAE-OPH 3:30 - 5 PM Latin Dance Basics #1
27 (TP*FM) CPAE-OPH 2-4 PM Kids' Art Drop-In "Asian Dragon"	28 7:30 PM UPES GENERAL TOWN MEETING (Mid-year Budget Report)	29 UPCA PLANNING MEETING RPC 7 PM SFW GROCERY SHOPPING	30 YARD WASTE; M-Th BLUE BIN	31 YELLOW BIN; T-F BLUE BIN	February 1 <i>National Freedom Day</i> T-F BLUE BIN	2 CPAE-OPH 3:30-5 PM Latin Dance Basics # 2 (Dance Basics # 3: Feb. 9th) <i>Groundhog Day</i>

NOT JUST FOR KIDS

WE HEAR IT MENTIONED ALL THE TIME, BUT DO YOU REALLY KNOW
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